

people of such high character are presented the Migel Medal.

Dr. Tuttle is a retired Special Education professor at the University of Northern Colorado. He has written extensively on visual impairment. For the past nine years, he has consulted the Hadley School for the blind on its curriculum planning and evaluation. He holds masters degrees from San Francisco State College and Columbia University Teachers College in Special Education. Dr. Tuttle earned his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, and San Francisco State University in Educational Psychology. Dr. Tuttle's writings and lectures consistently inspire young teachers entering the fields of education and rehabilitation for the blind to do all they can to make life better for the visually impaired.

The American Foundation for the Blind is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to eliminate the inequities faced by the ten million Americans who are blind or visually impaired. This is an organization to which Helen Keller devoted forty years of her life, and it is no surprise that this wonderful organization is now honoring one of our country's most dedicated educators. Dr. Dean Tuttle selflessly devotes his time to benefit the blind and visually impaired, and it is with great pride that I stand here today to speak to his vast achievement and success.

HONORING DOVE CREEK COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize a remarkable group of individuals responsible for expanding the Community Health Clinic in Dove Creek, Colorado. These talented individuals have, through determination and dedication, brought the citizens of Dolores County and surrounding communities a medical center that can accommodate the areas medical needs.

This unique medical facility is a federally qualified rural health clinic that serves the citizens of southern Colorado, living in Dolores County, parts of Montezuma and San Miguel Counties, as well as San Juan County in Utah. In the past year these individuals have been monumental in acquiring the much-needed funds that allowed the clinic to expand its size in order to better serve its patients.

The new addition to the clinic will now allow it to house the Dolores County Health Nurse's office, Emergency Medical Services and the Coroner's office.

The addition that is now being added will expand the clinic in immeasurable ways including added expansions of pharmaceutical, laboratory, radiology and emergency facilities. Without such incredible compassion and commitment to their community these individuals may not have made this clinic into the impressive medical facility it is today.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to honor Dianne Smith, Executive Director; Betty Sernadeni, Health Board President; Martin Neubert, Physician's Assistant and Dan Fernandez, a Colorado State University Extension Agent. They have benefited their commu-

nity in immeasurable ways and have ensured that the citizens of southern Colorado are able to receive the best medical treatment around and for that I commend their efforts and thank them for their commitment to the citizens of our great state of Colorado.

TRIBUTE TO FBI SPECIAL AGENT DENNIS CONWAY

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Dennis Conway, who has served with distinction in the Bureau's Kansas City Division since 1989.

Special Agent Conway will retire on December 31, 2000, concluding a career during which he was responsible for the successful investigation, arrest, and prosecution of over 200 criminals.

From 1972–1976, Special Agent Conway was assigned to the FBI's Oklahoma City Division, where he investigated violent crimes. Then, from 1976–1983, he was Bank Robbery Coordinator in the Bureau's Minneapolis Division. From 1983–1989, Special Agent Conway was assigned to the FBI's Detroit Division, where he was case agent on an undercover illegal drug investigation which resulted in the conviction of a high profile drug distributor, who was convicted after a six week trial.

From 1989 to the present, Special Agent Conway has been assigned to the Bureau's Kansas City Division. During that time, he served as case agent on undercover drug operation "Plazop," which focused on sources of illegal drug supplies from Colombia, the Philippines, the Dominican Republic, Los Angeles and San Diego. This investigation resulted in 32 criminal convictions which significantly reduced the quantity of illegal drugs on the streets of Kansas City, Kansas, and Missouri. For the past six years, Special Agent Conway has investigated illegal drug crimes and crimes of violence within the U.S. Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas, where his efforts have resulted in over 60 indictments.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to pay public tribute to my constituent, FBI Special Agent Dennis Conway, as he completes a distinguished career of service to the Kansas City community and our nation as a whole. The public at large and the law enforcement community are better for his efforts, and we wish him well as he concludes his career with the FBI.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF ROBERT J. CLARKSON

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Robert J. Clarkson. On November 3, 2000, Mr. Clarkson will retire from the United States Postal Service after 61 years of federal service. In the entire 224-year history of the Postal Service, Mr. Clarkson is only the 25th person

to serve over 50 years and the only one from the State of Alabama.

Robert Clarkson began his postal career at age 14 as a special delivery messenger with the post office in Anniston, Alabama. That was in 1940. To put this in perspective, at that time, a regular stamp cost 3 cents and a special delivery stamp cost 10 cents. Mr. Clarkson was paid 9 cents for every special delivery letter he delivered. He was a city carrier from 1942 to 1955 at which time he transferred to the Piedmont, Alabama Post Office as a Rural Letter Carrier. He has been a rural career since that time, for 32 years out of the Piedmont Post Office and then 13 years out of the Anniston Post Office.

During his career as a Rural Letter Carrier, Mr. Clarkson, was Committeeman of the Third District for the Alabama Rural Letter Carriers Association as well as a local Steward for many years. He was given a Special Achievement Award by the Postal Service in recognition of his job performance.

Within the span of his employment, Robert Clarkson served 2 years in the United States Navy. When he was discharged, he returned home and completed high school and then college by going to night school.

Mr. Speaker, I want to salute Robert Clarkson for his remarkable career with the Postal Service and to thank him for his service to the residents of Calhoun County, Alabama. His tradition with the Postal Service is being carried on by his son, Michael, a Rural Carrier in Oxford, Alabama.

THE VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the "Vaccine Injury Compensation Program Improvement Act of 2000," legislation designed to revise and improve the standards applied to petitions for compensating injuries associated with vaccines administered to children when the claims are deemed not to be covered by the "Vaccine Table." The Table is used in the program to create presumptions favoring compensation coverage under very limited circumstances and pursuant to specific criteria.

Mr. Speaker, I have chaired oversight hearings of the House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources devoted to problems and issues in the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. Our full committee, the House Committee on Government Reform, also has been actively engaged in oversight of this important program. As a product of our hearings and extensive oversight activities, members of the subcommittee and full committee in a bipartisan manner and without objection, passed on October 5, 2000, the report entitled: "The Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Addressing the Needs and Improving Practices."

Among the recommendations of this report is the need to devise an alternative standard for determining compensation for petitioners who claim vaccine-related injuries, but whose petitions are not covered by the Vaccine